



By the King.



Hereas, out of Our owne obseruance in the late Reigne of Our most deare and Royal Father, we saw much disorder in and about his household, by reason of the many idle persons, and other vnnecessary attendants following the same; which euill, we, finding to bring much dishonour to Our House, haue resolved the reformation thereof, and haue vnder Our hand directed to Our Knight Marshall, a List of the number of all such as shall be allowed to follow Our said household in their seuerall places & Trades, whereunto they are assigned, vpon good caution first taken for their good behauiour, and performing such other Articles as therein shall be contained; whose roomes and places becoming voyd, Our pleasure is, shall be supplied by Our Knight Marshall for the time being: we doe therefore straitly charge and command, That all Tent-keepers, Artificers and Landresses, together with all such idle persons, and hangers on Our House, (others then such, whose particular names are entred in the Roll by Us signed, as allowed to follow Our House) shall within foure and twenty houres after this Our Proclamation, depart from Our Court and not returne thither againe, vpon paine of imprisonment, and other corporall punishments, and penalties to be inflicted for their contempts in this behalfe: And we require, and straitly charge Our Knight Marshall, and all Officers, and Ministers vnder him, that he and they doe take a dayly and constant suruey of offenders in this kind, to the end that they may bee condignely punished, and that they take care that Our pleasure herein be from time to time strictly obserued, by restraining all others (saue such as are licensed and allowed, as aforesaid) to follow, or haue dependance vpon Our house. And for such Tents as are allowed to follow Us, we will that they be appointed and placed by the direction of Our Knight Marshall or his deputy, in such manner, as they may be no offence or annoyance to Our Person, or household.

And for such as doe follow, not hauing any dependance at all, Our will and pleasure is, That every such masterlesse man, shall forthwith depart the Court, vpon paine of whipping.

Also, that all Petitioners, hauing had their answer, do presently depart the Court, vpon paine of imprisonment.

And also, that all seruants whatsoeuer, being put away for misdemeanors, be presented to Our Marshall or his deputie, whereby they may be knowen, and this vpon paine of Our displeasure.

And that no Chamber-keeper, nor any of Our Footmen, or other Our seruant or seruants, shall giue entertainment to any person whatsoeuer, to follow or depend vpon him or them, but such as shall be allowed, according to Our late Proclamation in that behalfe published, for restraint of disorderly & vnnecessary resort to the Court. And the better also to suppress the disorders and abuses happening in Our Court, by reason of Landry-women hauing dayly access into Our House, we doe therefore straitly charge and command, that no Landresse shall haue recourse to any Officer, lodging within Our House, but that the Offices and Chambers vnto which they wash, doe send their seruants out vnto them with, and for their linnen; and that all such Landresses as are allowed to follow Our House, aswell the Landresse to Our Body, as others, shall follow themselves in person, and not supply their places by their seruants and maides, who living without gouernement, are the cause and occasion of so great disorder amongst them that follow Us: And to that end, we will and command Our Porters at Our Gate, to see this Our pleasure to be duely obserued and kept.

And lastly, we straitly require, charge and command Our Knight Marshall to haue an especiall care for execution of this Our Royall Will and commandement, as hee will giue account to Us thereof, and tender Our high displeasure, for neglect of this seruice so acceptable vnto Us.

Given at White-Hall the sixe and twentieth day of May, in the first yeece of Our Raigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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